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“Brewing Sustainability: Campus-Based Biodynamic Coffee Production at SLU”

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Saint Louis University advances sustainable food production on campus through its Biodynamic Coffee Project, a three-year university-wide initiative launched on August 4, 2022. Established in response to climate threats to wild coffee species, the project promotes environmentally responsible farming, biodiversity protection, and resilient local food systems.

In collaboration with Kape Ti Uma, Wyldwood Coffee Project, Farm to Cup Benguet, and various SLU academic units—including SAMCIS, SEA, NSTP, and UnRIC—the University developed a biodynamic coffee planting site at the Maryheights Campus. The NSTP Department formally adopted this as part of its BILIG Projects, aligning the initiative with CICM and CEAP advocacies, and with SDG Goals 13 (Climate Action) and 15 (Life on Land).

Throughout 2023 and 2024, SLU faculty and students practiced sustainable agriculture by monitoring plant health, managing soil fertility using organic practices, and planting additional seedlings to support long-term productivity. The project achieved its first campus harvest in January 2025, gathering beans from the original seven trees planted in 2022—a tangible result of responsible, campus-based food cultivation.

By integrating hands-on farming, ecological restoration, and community partnerships, SLU’s Biodynamic Coffee Project demonstrates the University’s commitment to sustainably farmed food on campus, environmental stewardship, and experiential learning that supports both local farmers and healthy terrestrial ecosystems.



Practice for Sustainable Campus Land Management

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Saint Louis University upholds a formal institutional commitment to sustainable land use through its Environmental Policy, which mandates ecological stewardship, protection of terrestrial ecosystems, and responsible management of campus land resources. This policy guides all SLU units in ensuring that campus development, landscaping, and land-based initiatives support biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, and long-term environmental integrity.

In alignment with this commitment, SLU implements the BILIG Regreening Project—a university-wide initiative under the National Service Training Program (NSTP) that institutionalizes sustainable land cultivation and ecosystem restoration on campus. “BILIG,” derived from the Kankanaey term for “forest,” serves as SLU’s structured framework for reforestation, campus greening, and plant nursery development. Through BILIG, the University propagates native tree, bamboo, and food-crop seedlings; rehabilitates green areas; restores degraded land; and maintains nursery sites that supply planting materials for both campus use and community partnerships.

The BILIG Project operationalizes SLU’s Environmental Policy by embedding sustainable land-use practices into academic programs, student engagement, and institutional operations. Together, the Environmental Policy and BILIG demonstrate SLU’s clear and active commitment to sustainably managed campus land, biodiversity protection, and environmentally responsible cultivation.



SLU-CSD Participates in Tree Planting Activity

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On October 4, 2024, Saint Louis University's Center for Sports Development (SLU-CSD) coaches and student-athletes joined a tree planting activity at CICM Home Sweet Home, Baguio City. A mass led by Rev. Fr. Ramon Caluza, CICM, preceded the event, celebrating the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In his homily, Fr. Caluza emphasized values of passion, compassion, humility, and identity, and the importance of love as the foundation for caring for the community and environment.

Together with parishioners, staff, and students, the group planted 426 coffee samplings in partnership with Bro. Jonel Dalimag, CICM Home Sweet Home Administrator. This annual initiative responds to environmental challenges by helping preserve and sustain Baguio's ecosystem for future generations.

